

September 14, 1956

Dear Jim:  
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██████████ and I have not been forgetful of your desire to be released in time for an assignment with General Funk. As you know, our plans for ██████████ and indeed for the whole project, have been beset with uncertainty which has held us up a little. We have now arrived at a decision in this matter which I hope will be satisfactory to you.

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Several weeks ago I discussed your earlier letter with Jack. It developed that he knows General Funk well personally. Accordingly, I asked Jack to call General Funk and see if he would not undertake to hold open the position he would like you to fill until a little later than November 1st. The conversation was highly satisfactory. The General promised to keep the position open for you until January 1st if we could give him assurance that we would release you by that date. This assurance Jack gave him in the same conversation.

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STATINTL It is going to be most helpful to us to have you available at ██████████ during November and December. As you now know, we plan to keep ██████████ open at least until January 15th and very recent developments make it appear likely that it will be active for a month beyond that date or longer. Therefore, by the end of the year the developments should be much further along and we should have had time to make arrangements for someone else to take over your responsibilities as Operations Officer on the base. Although, therefore, I am not granting your request for a release by November 1st, you may rest assured that you will be a free man by January 1st and that in the meanwhile the position on General Funk's staff will be held for you.

One more word as to the specific steps we are going to take. Jack was unsuccessful in trying to reach General Funk by telephone several days ago but will call him next week and will make sure that Funk puts in a request for you to the DCS/Personnel, USAF Headquarters. If necessary, we will alert this office in the Pentagon and in due time they will inquire of

us concerning your availability for reassignment. We will then reply giving your availability as January 1st. Jack assures me that this is the proper way to proceed in order to make certain that you do end up with General Funk. If we were to take the initiative in stating your availability you might find yourself channelled off into some other assignment, which would be a great misfortune for all concerned.

I hope this will all work out to your satisfaction. Please do not hesitate to write us if any complications seem to be developing. Incidentally, it would do no harm if you were to have a word with General Funk on some convenient occasion and remind him that it is up to him to make a request for your assignment through the proper channels.

I look forward to seeing you at the Suppliers meeting which, as you know, has now slipped to the first week in October.

My best regards.

Very sincerely yours,

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